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RE: FOIA Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

You are hereby requested to make available for review and copying all files, records and other documents requested below that relate to the presence of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Alabama or Georgia waterways between 1990 and present.

Definitions

“Correspondence” means any oral, electronic, or written communication, discussion, inquiry, inspection, visit, or request.

“Documents” mean any written, printed, recorded, or graphic matter, however produced, reproduced, generated, stored, reported or maintained (including, without limitation) any information gathered, stored or maintained by any electronic means, and includes the original, each non-identifiable copy, and each draft thereof.

“PFAS” (also known as PFCs or perfluorinated chemicals) mean Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or any product or chemical mixture containing perfluorinated chemicals or their precursors of any type or nature including, but not limited to, PFCA, precursor PFCA, PFOA, PFAS, PFOS, precursor PFOS, FOSA and PFHS, PFHA, POSE, PFNA, PFDA, PFUnDA, PFPeA, PFOSA, and PFBS.

Requests

1. All correspondence and documents, including analytical reports, related to the July 2019 Enforcement Confidential Lab Report of Dalton, Georgia, NEIC Project Number: VP0843. In particular, we’re seeking the precise levels (ng/L) of PFOA and PFOS that were detected in this report.

2. The report in Request #1 states that “[r]esults for other analytes will be provided in a subsequent report.” Please produce the subsequent report cited therein and the analytical results cited therein.
3. Any other correspondence or documents related to the investigation or sampling concerning to the presence of PFOA and PFOS as well as any other PFAS in public water systems, surface waters, or wastewater treatment facilities in the following Georgia counties: Gordon, Murray, Whitfield, Bartow, Walker, or Floyd.
4. All analytical reports and/or sampling results for testing conducted under the Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule by water treatment plants in the following Georgia counties: Gordon, Murray, Whitfield, Bartow, Walker, or Floyd.
5. All correspondence and documents related to the EPA’s investigation of the release of PFAS from the Dalton Utilities Loopers Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant in Dalton, Georgia.
6. All correspondence and documents related to the March 15, 2012 meeting between the EPA and Georgia Environmental Protection Division to discuss PFAS contamination at Dalton Utilities Loopers Bend Facility.
7. All documents reflecting any communications with any representative of a carpet manufacturer or carpet manufacturer trade group, such as the Carpet and Rug Institute, Inc., regarding the use of PFAS in carpet manufacturing in north Georgia or monitoring the release of PFAS to the environment from carpet manufacturing operations in north Georgia.
8. All correspondence and documents related to Project ID: 18-0142, titled “Phase 1: Study of PFAS Compounds in the Chattooga River” which was reported on June 13, 2018.
9. All correspondence and documents regarding a November 2, 2016 meeting between EPA officials and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to discuss various PFAS contamination issues in the State of Georgia.
10. The GPS coordinates of the sampling conducted in Project 16-0451, titled “North Georgia Surface Water PFC Study.” These results were in a memorandum dated August 24, 2016.
11. All sampling results and/or analytical reports related to NEIC Project Number: VP0843, titled “Dalton, GA Water Supply Analyses” that was reported in a memorandum dated October 7, 2010.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, we ask that you cite in writing the specific statutory exemption upon which you have relied, as required by law. We also

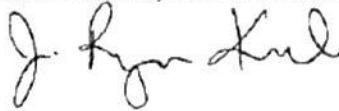
ask that you release all separate portions of otherwise exempt material. If the expenses incurred to comply with this request are more than *de minimus*, please inform us about such costs as required by law. We would be more than happy to receive documents electronically to avoid unnecessary costs.

Further, to the extent any responsive documents are already publicly available, please specifically identify where those materials may be obtained. We do not wish to duplicate costs or efforts where unnecessary.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BEASLEY, ALLEN, CROW,
METHVIN, PORTIS & MILES, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ryan Kral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Kral" being more prominent than the middle name "Ryan".

J. Ryan Kral

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